

The U.S. Global Health Initiative:

Winning the Future Together: America and Nepal

Launched by President Barack Obama in 2009, the U.S. Global Health Initiative (GHI) supports countries as they improve the health of their citizens. GHI strengthens health systems—training health workers, establishing disease monitoring and laboratories, repairing health clinics and improving procurement—so improvements in health can continue for generations. GHI includes U.S. global health programs in about 80 countries worldwide. Selected as one of eight “GHI Plus” countries, Nepal has demonstrated award-winning results and the potential to significantly improve the health of the Nepalese people with U.S. foreign assistance. GHI works to save the lives of mothers, children and families through programs that address:

- Family planning
- Maternal, newborn and child health
- Nutrition
- Infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS
- Neglected tropical diseases
- Sanitation and hygiene

Global Health Initiative Principles

GHI is driven by a set of core principles, and all USG programs address these principles.

- Focus on women, girls, and gender equality
- Encourage country ownership and invest in country-led plans
- Strengthen and leverage key multilateral organizations, global health partnerships and private sector engagement
- Build sustainability through health systems strengthening
- Increase impact through strategic coordination and integration
- Improve metrics, monitoring and evaluation
- Promote research and innovation



Nepal Profile

- Poorest country in South Asia (HDI: 142/177)
- 55% of Nepalese live on <\$1.25/day
- GDP/capita: \$470
- Population expected to double between 2000 and 2040
- 70% of Nepalese depend on agriculture for their livelihood (34% of GDP)
- 50% of Nepalese are under 18 years of age
- >100 ethnic groups; 92 languages
- Caste and gender discrimination
- Emerging from 10 years of conflict



"Health is at the heart of human progress."

What GHI in Nepal Does

GHI is the next step forward in the way U.S. government agencies conduct global health activities, building on successful leadership in global health and expanding impact for sustainable results around the world. The work of the U.S. Mission in Nepal to advance the health of the Nepalese people is rooted in a whole-of-government approach.



Promoting Security: Fighting global disease directly protects the health of citizens around the world because infectious disease knows no borders. Global health is also vital to national security. Investing in the health of people in developing countries reduces instability in post-conflict environments such as Nepal, and drives the economic growth that strengthens families, communities and countries.

Saving Lives: Fighting global disease reflects core American values and interests—saving lives and allowing more people to create a better world for their children. U.S. global health programs in Nepal have saved millions of lives, reducing the suffering and hardship caused by disease. Those programs allow the U.S. to renew our emphasis and focus on the last mile to achieving United Nations worldwide health goals related to saving the lives of mothers, children and families from preventable, treatable diseases and combatting HIV/AIDS.

Maximizing Results: GHI is making the most of every dollar spent on improving the health of the poorest families around the world, building on unprecedented American global health efforts to achieve broader and more sustainable outcomes while fostering innovation. For an investment of about \$10 per person over five years, the U.S. aims to improve the health of 14 million men and women of reproductive age (15 - 45 years of age) and 3 million children.

As one of the three Presidential Initiatives, the GHI complements our investments in *Feed the Future* that integrate agriculture and nutrition; in *Global Climate Change* that promote clean water, sufficient and safe food, surveillance and preparedness to mitigate natural disasters; and in Disaster Risk Reduction that prepare the response for earthquakes and other public health emergencies.

How You Can Help

- Learn more about GHI in Nepal and tell others about what we are doing.
- Share your ideas with us:  Scott H. DeLisi and USAID Nepal  usaidnepal@usaid.gov

